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**The Weekly Focus**

**As EPA Nears 50, Alumni Seek Shift To Address Top Challenge Of Climate**

Highlighting several efforts to consider EPA's future as it nears 50, a survey of almost 400 former employees identifies climate change as the most pressing near-term issue facing the agency, though the alumni suggest

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EPA address it by shifting from its traditional regulatory approach to a role convening states, industry and others to boost protections.

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## Latest News

### **Former EPA Air Chief Sees Standing Bar For Lawsuits Over MATS Rollback**

Former Bush EPA air chief Jeffrey Holmstead is warning environmentalists and Democratic states that they lack legal standing to challenge the agency's effort to scrap the "appropriate and necessary" cost-benefit finding underpinning the Obama-era utility air toxics rule, because they cannot show any injury from undoing the finding.

### **Court Rejects Navy's Bid To Reverse Landmark PFAS Monitoring Ruling**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit has denied the Navy's petition for rehearing of a precedential ruling allowing residents near two military facilities to pursue medical monitoring claims after they were exposed to perfluorinated compounds, saying the military failed to raise its sovereign immunity arguments earlier in the case.

### **New CDC Data Drives Renewed Criticism On Administration's Lead Plan**

New data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showing children most exposed to lead have recently seen increases in their blood lead levels (BLLs) is driving new criticisms over EPA and other agencies' plan to address the potent neurotoxin, with environmentalists charging the agencies do not address the CDC data.

### **Chamber Targets As 'Job Killer' California Bill To Protect Obama EPA Rules**

The California Chamber of Commerce is targeting six state environmental bills, including a pending measure that would lock-in Obama-era rules from EPA, as part of its annual list of "job killer" measures, a list aimed at pressing lawmakers to weaken or kill the proposals, though two of the bills have already stalled due in part to business opposition.

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## Daily Feed

### **EPA finance chief notes workforce challenges**

Chief Financial Officer Holly Greaves told an EPA advisory panel April 18 that rising employment costs combined with a limited budget makes maintaining an adequate workforce challenging.

### **EPA sends final AFO air reporting waiver for OMB review**

Environmentalists are likely to sue over the final air reporting rule waiver for animal feeding operations once EPA issues it, based on their long-running claims that the exemption is unlawful.

### **After oral arguments, FERC seeks to clarify key NEPA misstatement**

The commission says one of its attorneys "misspoke" regarding the commission's stance that it cannot be deemed the "legally-relevant cause of downstream emissions" under NEPA when it lacks jurisdiction over the fuel distributor.

### **Ewire: Kentucky lawmaker sees no 'upside' in AOC coal mine visit**

In today's Ewire: Rep. James Comer (R-KY) is warning his fellow Republicans against "picking on" Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) over coal issues and her Green New Deal climate plan.

### **Industries defend EPA policy easing air permitting requirements**

A broad coalition of industry organizations in a new legal filing is backing an EPA policy that critics say will make it easier for companies to avoid onerous and expensive air permit reviews.

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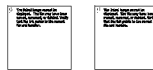
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